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Appointment of three members of the Board of Trustees of the International Research and Training Institute for the Advancement of Women

Note by the Secretary-General

The Secretary-General has received the following two additional nominations for election to the Board of Trustees of the International Research and Training Institute for the Advancement of Women.[1] The candidates are:

From the Government of Jordan: Amal Adib **Sabbagh**
From the Government of the Syrian Arab Republic: Hanan **El-Malki**

Biographical information on the candidates is provided below.

Amal Adib Sabbagh (Jordan)

Secretary-General of the Jordanian National Commission for Women since 1997. Former Director-General of the Regional Centre on Agrarian Reform and Rural Development for the Near East, a regional intergovernmental organization with a mandate to conduct research and training and disseminate information. Has held several top positions within the Ministry of Social Development including Acting Director of Women's Affairs. Has officially represented her country at world conferences relating to the topics of women, population and social development. Has participated in numerous research studies on women in poverty and women's employment opportunities. Has also participated in the Technical Committee established by the Jordanian National Commission for Women charged with drawing up a national strategy for women.

[1] See E/2002/L.1/Add.12 for information on other candidates nominated by Governments.

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Hanan El-Malki (Syrian Arab Republic)

Director of International and Cultural Relations, Damascus University, since 1994. Head of Section at the Department of Literature and Foreign Languages since 1982. Author of numerous publications and articles on literature. Member of several committees for developing education and syllabuses.